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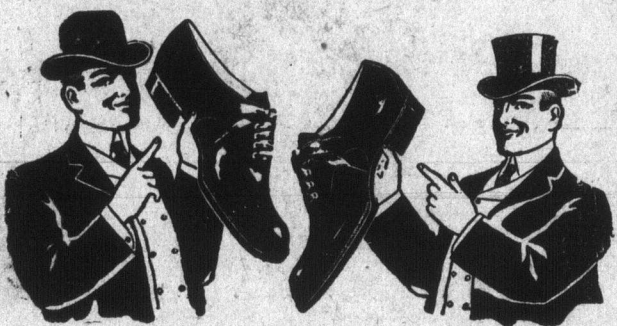
A LITTLE EARLY YET FOR SUMMER HOSIERY?

Well, considering how cold the weather has been, perhaps it is a little early. What the weather has been is no guarantee as to what it will be if a few real hot days strike us. It will be well to have a lighter pair of Hosiery ready to make a change. On Saturday we make our first extensive showing of Summer Hosiery.

Here are a few of the prominent lines that cannot be surpassed in quality or price:

Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose, stainless double process dye, heavy double heel and toe, at per pair 12½c.
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No.	Description	Reg. Price	Sale Price
No. 17	Telephone City, galvanized lines	\$20.00	\$15.50
" 18	" " white enamel lined	22.00	17.00
" 19	" " " "	30.00	24.00
" 20	" " Gen. white enamel lined	37.00	30.00
" 21	" " white enamel lined, with water tank	40.00	35.00
No. 16	Telephone City, galvanized lines	22.00	17.00
69	Challenge	15.00	12.00

These Are Dissolution Sale Prices And For Strictly Cash.

George Stephens

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STAND FOR FREE TRADE

Mr. Asquith Gives Answer
On Preference To
Conference

British Government Has its
Mandate And Must
Obey

London, May 3.—(C. A. P.)—Yesterday's proceedings of the Imperial Conference were mainly devoted to the speeches of Sir James Mac-Kay of the India Office, Mr. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Bond. The remaining speeches will be issued to-day.

Premier Bond said he had no mandate, but expressed the opinion that the 1902 resolution should stand. He did not think any good would result from pressing on the Mother Country any advance on that. Respective Governments should be free to manage their own affairs.

Premier Bond joined Premier Laurier in supporting the resolution of 1902. His Government desired to co-operate in all possible ways in a policy of preference between the United Kingdom and the colonies.

Asquith's Cold Water.

Mr. Asquith said Premier Laurier had pointed out on several occasions that the basis of unity must be that each member of the Empire must look first to what in its own interests would best serve the whole by so doing. The colonies had received full fiscal independence, and had even used it to build up tariff walls against the Mother Country. If the colonies thought this their duty, their action would not evoke remonstrance or even criticism from him. If preferential tariffs from self-governing colonies did not admit British manufacturers to compete on equal terms with local produce, doubling the colonies held this to be vital to their interests. In some way the Home Government held free trade to be vital to the interests of the United Kingdom.

After fullest discussion and examination the people of England declared in favor of free trade by a majority unexampled in size and the Government could not accept any infringement on that policy, even by way of such experiment as Premier Jameson had suggested.

Examining the preferential tariffs of the colonies he found the South African preference very liberal, but it was too early to judge its effect on British trade.

Canada's Tariff.

The Canadian tariff had been beneficial to British trade rather by the way of securing a decrease than by an actual increase in proportion to the total trade. Canadian manufacturers, however, remained protected.

On dutiable goods the average ad valorem rate was about 25 per cent. for both the United Kingdom and the United States. Taking the average on all goods dutiable, the free ad valorem rate was, on United Kingdom goods, 19 per cent., and on United States goods 13 per cent.

Cannot Accept It.

It was a question of principle. There was no possibility of such a compromise as had been suggested by previous speakers.

Mr. Asquith proceeded to consider then what preference must be given, if at all, but the Home Government, speaking for the people, could not accept the principle of preferential trade by way of a tariff preference.

Extreme Purism.

London, May 3.—(C. A. P.)—The Times turns with a feeling of depression from the speeches of the Premier to the reply of Asquith, and takes the line that as preference has been clearly denied or affirmed by the electorate, the chancellor's attitude is one of extreme fiscal purism, if not prudery. It must be a disappointing future, this failure to make any advance towards the imperial states on a practical question, it says.

Elevator Collapses.

Yorkton, Sask., May 3.—The Canadian Elevator Co.'s elevator at this point collapsed and as a result 20,000 bushels of grain are spread over the C. P. R. tracks. There was 30,000 bushels in the building when the accident occurred. The whole north wall, from the roof down, fell outwards. This elevator has been filled to the roof all winter, owing to the Yorkton grain blockade, and the continuous strain was too much for it.

Amherst Foundry Destroyed.

St. John, N. B., May 3.—Fire yesterday morning totally destroyed the main building of the Amherst Foundry Co. Workmen were engaged in the lower storey at the time the fire broke out. The building is a complete ruin, and the loss will amount to \$50,000, covered by insurance.

The cause of the fire was a defective smokestack. The owners say they will rebuild immediately.

Escaped In Nightclothes.

Durham, N.C., May 3.—Fire last night destroyed the Hotel Carolina, a four-storey frame structure, located in the centre of the city, entailing a loss of \$175,000, fully covered by insurance. There were 60 or 75 guests, all of whom escaped without injury. Some of them escaped in their night clothes, losing all of their possessions.

Likes Housebreaking Job.

Port Huron, Mich., May 3.—Arthur Baldwin, 14-year-old boy, who confesses to robbing several residences in this city last week, and said he would rather do a housebreaking job than anything else, was sentenced to spend from four to fifteen years in Ionian Prison.

Lecouteur Gets Life.

Quebec, Que., May 3.—George Lecouteur, found guilty of manslaughter for killing his wife last October, was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Bosse in the criminal court.

LAURIER'S HINT WAS TAKEN

British Cabinet Considers
Subsidizing Of
Steamers

Sir Wilfred Suggests Im-
perial Steamship Lines to
Divert Traffic

London, May 3.—The suggestion thrown out by Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Canadian Premier, to the effect that the Imperial Government, without violating its free trade principles, might give the colonies a quietus for their preferential treatment of British goods by subsidizing lines of steamers between England and the more important colonies, is being seriously considered by the Cabinet. The object of the suggestion is to bring about a reduction in freight charges, thus giving an indirect form of preference to the colonies. Those in close touch with the Government, however, point out that the British Government has spent millions of pounds sterling in profitless railroads in Africa, and that this is the legitimate form of preference which the colonies are entitled to expect. The Canadian Premier specially suggested Imperial steamship line between England and Canada and Australia, reducing the time from England to Australia to twenty, instead of thirty days, and in the end diverting some of the traffic now going by way of New York.

Scheme Deserves Encouragement.

London, May 3.—The Westminster Gazette hopes that if the scheme of communication via Canada with the Far East is put before it in a practical shape the Imperial Government will give it the most careful and sympathetic consideration.

APPROVE OF REDUCTION.

Hon. R. Lemieux Thanked By Postage Reform Committee.

London, May 3.—Judge Garrow visited the law courts, spending some time in the appeal court.

Progress is being made with the Collooney-Ballina-Belmullet Railway bill, an instalment of the Black-sod Bay scheme, before the select committee of the House of Commons. Rt. Hon. George Wyndham, the Earl of Dudley and Walter Grey all gave evidence in favor.

Six hundred emigrants left Euston Station yesterday for Canada.

The Colonial Postage Reform Committee passed a vote of thanks to Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general of Canada, for his co-operation in the reduction of postage rates.

MAN BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Several Men Aish Severely Injured by Locomotive Explosion.

Brockville, May 3.—A locomotive drawing a logging train of the Rich Lumber Co. at Waukena exploded. Harris Keffel of Benson Mines, a peddler, who was riding on the train, was blown to atoms. Fireman Storer of Benson Mines was badly burned and about the head. W. G. Reynolds of Waukena, a timekeeper for the Rich Lumber Co., was badly hurt and is not expected to live. Reynolds has a wife and a young daughter at Waukena. Storer died while being removed to the hospital. Bert Keyes, Arthur Remington, Judson and Erwin Ackerman were also injured.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Suspicion Entertained of Criminal Operations.

Brockville, May 3.—Investigation is being made into the death of Mrs. Henry Backus of Dekalb on account of the alleged suspicious circumstances surrounding her demise. She went to Ogdensburg in good health, and her husband was unexpectedly called to bring her body home.

A post mortem showed that her death was due to a criminal operation. The guilty persons is yet unknown, but the district attorney has instituted an enquiry.

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In repertoire of New Plays and Big Specialties. 20 People. New Songs. New Scenery. New Effects.

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On Saturday May the 4th our specials will be **Hats and Shirts**.—Here are some of the special prices:—

\$3.00 hats for Saturday only—\$2.25

\$2.50 hats for Saturday only—\$1.85

\$2.00 hats for Saturday only—\$1.48

\$1.50 hats for Saturday only—\$1.10

These reductions apply to all hats in the store at the above prices—All the best shapes and shades in the new Spring styles are here.

Now for the shirt special—On Saturday only we give you your choice of any dollar shirt in our immense stock, and there are hundreds of patterns in all sizes at

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Solid Oak

\$1.00 each

E. A. MOUNTEER, Kent Bakery
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An awning will more than pay for itself in a month. Work first-class and promptly attended to.

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Friday and Saturday

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Tailor-Made Suits \$12.50

Tailor-made Suits of Panama cloth, black, navy or grey, nicely tailored and neatly trimmed, Jackets of the Eton variety, Pleated Skirts. Friday and Saturday \$12.50.

Swell Tailored Suits \$17.50

At this price you will have a nice selection of the best Tailored Suits, in tweeds and chifon Panama cloth, every Suit silk lined and neatly trimmed with silk braid trimmings, pleated skirts, colors navy, black, grey and light and mid wool tweeds, Friday and Saturday \$17.50.

Suits for \$23.50, worth \$35.00

We could make the statement even stronger, for some suits are \$45 suits, they are New York Sample Suits—their latest productions for May styles, beautiful materials, a splendid variety of styles, Friday and Saturday \$23.50. These Suits will be shown for the first time in Canada.

Fine Covert Coats \$5.98

We purpose making the Coat and Suit Department hum Friday and Saturday. These Coats will help—they are regular \$8.50 to \$10.00, Friday and Saturday \$5.98.

Special Dress Goods Purchase

550 yards of choice imported Dress Goods at \$1 and 1.25 per yard.

This Dress Goods is the very best quality and much higher grade than you usually find in most stores. An offer was made for the lot at a very low price—it was accepted. The consequence is you may have a swell dress or suit at half the regular price.

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Gloves, Belts and Hosiery

We are showing a very complete range of the new leather belts. Fine soft kid belts in the wide and medium width, in white, black, tans, browns, navy and other colors, with one and two buckles, 25c and 50c.

Boys' Buster Belts 25c.

Two or three makes of Buster Brown Belts in fancy leather, glaze, dull suede finish, and patent leather, all colors and sizes 25c.

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Our Glove and Hosiery Departments are showing some splendid values in Gloves and Hosiery—every new idea is represented—all the shades that Dame Fashion decrees.

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